



# Lake Park Villager

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## **CLERK'S CORNER**

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**December 8 – 7:00 PM** Village Council Meeting

**January 21 – 6:30 PM** Economic Development  
Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

NOTE: The Village Offices will be closed on November 26  
and 27 and December 24 and 25.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

DECEMBER 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)**

DECEMBER 3, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S.**

DECEMBER 3, 5:30 PM, JIMMIE'S RESTAURANT

### **HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

DECEMBER 6, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, TICKETS COST \$10 AND CAN BE PURCHASED  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. ADVANCE TICKETS CAN  
BE PURCHASED FROM VIRGINIA CURRENCE, (704) 882-7706 OR RANDI  
VANCE, (704) 893-0765

### **LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

DECEMBER 6, CARRIAGE RIDES, 5-8; MUSIC AT GAZEBO, 5:30; TREE  
LIGHTING, 6:00; MUSIC PROGRAM 6:15 AT TOWN CENTER GAZEBO  
SPONSORED BY PARKS AND REC, LPHOA, AND FUMC

### **LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB**

DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM, JIMMIE'S RESTAURANT

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

JANUARY 20, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER (NO DECEMBER MEETING)

## **Recent Council Decisions**

### *Community Center Expansion*

During their October meeting, the Lake Park Council took under consideration advertising an RFQ to hire an architecture firm. The proposed contract would hire a firm to produce detailed drawings and to oversee the eventual construction. After some discussion, a motion came up before the council to postpone any further action on the expansion until a clear path to funding the entire project can be identified. This motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

### *Brown Bag Permit*

After being closed over two years, Fireside Coffee applied to the NC Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC) for a brown bag permit (allowing customers to bring beer, wine or alcohol on a visit to Fireside). Fireside is a member of the commercial Town Center Association (TCA). The members are Town Center commercial property owners: Fireside, The Mathisen Company and Miss Dee Dees After School & My First School.

The TCA member's title deeds are subject to TCA Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CCR). The TCA prohibits smoking and alcohol in the business core. This protects property values and public safety in closely populated village neighborhoods throughout the village and especially the majestic homes and convenient condominiums in Town Center. Yet, Fireside owner, Michael Konarzewski and partner Natasha Parker, told the Mayor and Mayor ProTem on October 7 that Fireside would not open without a brown bag permit.

At the November 10 Council meeting the EDC shared several concerns about the proposed brown bag permit. Council noted that Union County is 'dry', and although towns around us have voted to change their status, Lake Park citizens have not pushed for a referendum and have voiced concern about the consequences to public safety in the Town Center. Council also considered the results of the 2008 Economic Development Commission survey; 75% of

## **Chili Cook-off Results**

Parks & Rec would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's event. We had nine entries, three of which were first time entries. Two of our first time entries were prize winners.

John Barnes won first place, David Grant tied with Doyle Waybright for second, and Royetta Sieminski took third place. Our citizen participation was not as great as previous years but those who came had a great time. We would welcome all to participate next year for the title of Lake Park's Best Chili.

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## For Your Information

### Waste Collection

Thanksgiving & Christmas Weeks ~ Lake Park will have normal trash cart and recycle bin collection on Thursday mornings. However, no move-in/move-out debris and no yard debris will be collected on either holiday week.

### Business Fair & Family Fun Day

Over 100 residents came to be acquainted with professional business, church and school options located in the Village of Lake Park Saturday, November 7. Children played on the Bounce-Around obstacle course and played ball in the park. Parents won flats of Lucas pansies. Image Salon's style show, Ken Conrad's music and Lake Park's first Lion Dance entertained all.

Exhibitors gave special offers, samples or games from FUMC's Children of Faith Preschool, Miss Dee Dee's After School & My First School, social worker Kristen Fisher LCSW, Angela Williams CPA, Lake Park Family Practice, HDI Investigation and Li's Chinese Café. Fun Foods sold food and soft drinks. Mr. Li's associates from Mint Hill Kung Fu School demonstrated the Lion Dance.

### New Parks and Rec Members

The Council welcomes David Grant and Royetta Sieminski to the Parks and Rec Commission. They would also like to thank Johanna Miller & Ben Richardson for their service during their term on Parks and Rec.

the respondents want another restaurant in Lake Park but only 8% wanted beer, wine or alcohol added. The EDC noted that Fireside disliked hearing that news at the October 22 meeting. Council passed a resolution, required by the ABC, to designate Mr. Spence to give a recommendation on the brown bag request. Council also voted that Mr. Spence would voice the village's opposition to the request. On November 13, the Mayor's letter (including residents' opposition letters, a copy of the 2008 survey, the EDC recommendation and meeting minutes, the police report and other items) shipped to the ABC. A copy is available for public view at the Village Clerk's office. As of this Villager publication, ABC response is still pending.

## Village Office Surplus Items

There are still several items to be sold from the Village office. The items can viewed by the public on December 8 and 9 from 9 to noon at the Community Center.

- CTR – 111 Cassette Recorder
- HP Fax 1250
- Linksys Cable/DSL Router with 4 Port Switch
- Epson Stylus C80
- Xerox XC 830
- Sony DC Servo Controlled Motor

Deadline for bids is noon on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Survey Shows What Lake Park Residents Value Most

Lake Park speaks: most prominently valued are the small town atmosphere, landscape features, safety, good neighbors. The most desired area for improvement is enhancing the commercial choices of services in the Town Center. The EDC commissioned a survey in 2008 to obtain specific data on village perspective, likes and dislikes, needs and desires for the Village. Over 300 Lake Park households completed and mailed surveys.

Tabulation of 50 multiple-choice questions was presented to Council in September 2008. At the October 2009 Council meeting, Sandy Coughlin reported that tabulation of all open-ended questions was also complete. A public copy of the survey is available at the Village Clerk's office and may be viewed at [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov).

## Taxes for Refinanced Homes

In the process of refinancing a home mortgage, taxes are sometimes missed in the midst of changing mortgages. In all cases, the homeowner is responsible for paying the tax bill regardless of the circumstances. If you have any questions about your taxes, you can contact Tax Collector, Cheri Clark at (704) 882-VOLP weekdays between 9 and 12.